

here are sweetly tender songs made
the passion stirred and listening hear
the music of their love-breathing
the irresistible power of Cupid's dart;
swift the tuneful measure I'll carry
from soul to
it seems the
the coldest heart were



and oft memory links the tone
the the beautiful tone that's still in
a heavenly note glides on
note more heavenly still that is ne
oh! how the eyes of beauty glisten
a music has reached her inmost
the silent stars that shine and g
the angelic choir the

MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION

Artist Roster 2012

2012-2013 ARTIST ROSTER



Supporting and Celebrating Mississippi's Creative and Innovative Spirit.

The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

Established in 1968 by the state legislature, MAC is the official grants-making and service agency for the arts in Mississippi. Funding for MAC and its programs is provided by the State of Mississippi, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private sources.

All eligible applicants are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, physical disability, age, membership in an employee organization or other non-merit factors.

MAC's Artist Roster is a valuable tool in this effort, and provides a diverse listing of high quality artists who are available for performances, workshops, and other activities in communities throughout the state. These activities can be supported through MAC's Minigrant program.



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Artists interested in participating in the Roster program must apply to MAC.

Applications go through a thorough review process, including an evaluation by a panel of arts presenters, educators and fellow artists.

There are two distinct rosters within the program:

MISSISSIPPI ARTIST ROSTER

This Roster is a listing of professional artists living and working in the state who are available to do performances, workshops, and other presentations in a wide variety of settings.

THESE ARTISTS:

- Demonstrate mastery of their artistic discipline and have a body of high quality work.
- Are able to demonstrate or interpret their artistic discipline to a variety of audiences.
- Have a history of successful performances or presentations and can travel to perform at locations throughout the state.

SCHEDULING AN ARTIST

Organizations or schools that are interested in presenting a Roster Artist must contact the individual or group directly. While MAC staff can provide some advisory assistance to organizations that are planning an event, all agreements between a Roster Artist and a presenting organization are the responsibility of the presenter.

TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER

This Roster features professional artists and arts educators who are experienced in working with educators to develop strategies for utilizing the arts in instruction, beginning at the pre-K level and continuing through college.

THESE ARTISTS:

- Provide arts learning opportunities that align with the state level visual and performing arts frameworks
- Make connections between work in the arts and the state Department of Education's mandated learning goals
- Collaborate with classroom teachers or arts education committees
- Work with both teachers (through professional development) and students (through hands-on lessons)
- Support efforts to integrate arts learning with other subject areas
- Assist school staff in continuing arts education programs in the absence of a teaching artist through sharing skills, techniques, and curricula

GRANT SUPPORT FOR PRESENTING ROSTER ARTISTS

MAC supports the presentation of Roster Artists through its Minigrant Program. Non-profit organizations (with IRS 501(c)3 status), schools, and other local government entities can apply for funding to support up to half of a Roster Artist's fee (up to \$1,000).

In addition to the artists on MAC's Roster, organizations may also apply for a Minigrant to present an artist who is a member of another directory of professional artists. The program must have an adjudication process in place that reviews the artistic quality of the applicants. Some examples of eligible listings include the roster programs

of other state arts agencies, regional arts organizations, or a professional artist organization like the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

The Minigrant program has two annual application deadlines, June 1 and November 1. The full guidelines and application form for the program are available on MAC's website.

For more information on MAC grant programs, please call 601-359-6030, or visit our website at www.arts.state.ms.us.

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Bill Abel is a Delta blues guitar player and singer. He often plays traditional country blues on cigar-box guitars, and he makes these instruments using driftwood from the Mississippi River. He also plays acoustic and electric guitars solo, with a full band, or a one-man blues band. His most recent release is "Bill Abel, One-Man-Band."

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Cecil Abels

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Cecil Abels is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and performer of folk music who has traveled the world, played and toured for 15 years in New England and Europe. Playing guitar, mandolin, ukulele and acoustic bass to accompany himself, Cecil reaches multi-level audiences with talent and musical insights.

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Dexter started out playing guitar at the church where his father was pastor. He performed with blues legend Bobby Rush around the world. His unique style landed the 2008 Jackson Music Award for Male Vocalist. Dexter also lends his time and talents to blues workshops in area schools. He is known as one of the best 21st century Mississippi blues performers.

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A photographer, musician, designer and civic activist, Ellis' primary passion is writing. Her work has been published in Southern Cultures, Salon and MSNBC. Her writing has garnered several awards, including the Eudora Welty 2010 Book Prize and a Mississippi Arts Commission Fellowship for Literary Excellence (2007) for her first book, *Under Surge, Under Siege; The Odyssey of Bay St. Louis and Katrina*. She lives in Bay St. Louis and works as a freelance writer and photographer.

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Janis is a visual artist who has had experience as an art teacher in both private and public schools. Her projects use school-friendly art materials: paper, glue, scissors, paint, air dry and oven baked clays, along with ordinary found objects, and magazine images to craft both 2D and 3D artworks. She encourages reflections on the artwork to create artist statements, process journals, and stories.

Teaching Artist Roster



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As an award winning professional artist, retired arts educator, children's book illustrator, and presenter, Anderson offers many artistic and educational opportunities for schools, libraries, arts councils, and literary events. He promotes literacy through book illustration, studio art workshops, and arts education conferences. Anderson is also available for keynote presentations. His art can be seen in galleries and art festivals throughout the U.S.

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Stephanie Artz

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Stephanie Artz is a ballet dancer and teaches yoga, authentic movement, and contact improvisation. A certified Trager Practitioner and Usui Reiki Master, she offers classes for K-12 classes in dance, movement, partnering, and authentic movement tied to curriculum. She also conducts teachers workshops on how to integrate physical movement into classroom lessons.

Teaching Artist Roster



Cristen Craven Barnard

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With more than 23 years of experience, Barnard offers a unique blend of painting expertise and public art experience. Her interior and exterior murals are on display in schools, parks, churches, cities and towns, and residences across the Mid-South area, and her posters are known worldwide. She can design, collaborate, plan, offer instruction, or paint murals with almost any group or alone, and she can design award winning posters that inspire civic pride with her artistic excellence

Mississippi Artist Roster



Carrie Sue Ayvar

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Storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar connects people, languages and cultures through her stories that flow between Spanish and English. She is dedicated to the art of storytelling and reinforcing its curriculum connections. Her programs range from one-woman historical presentations to folktales and stories in Spanish and English. For over 25 years, she has performed at schools, parks, libraries, community festivals and museums.

Teaching Artist Roster



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Born in London, England, Adrian has been a resident of Oxford, MS for over 25 years. In his teens, he became aware of New Orleans jazz and started playing jazz on the recorder, followed by the clarinet, banjo and piano. Adrian was a pioneer of the skiffle movement, a mixture of blues and country music, and later played clarinet, tenor saxophone, banjo, acoustic guitar and piano. He plays in concerts, clubs, private parties, functions, schools, and festivals.

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Rachel Ballentine

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Rachel is a potter who specializes in clay that comes directly from the earth. She hand-builds all of her vessels and offers her services to senior citizen, teachers, students and afterschool programs. Her workshops focus on infusing the arts into the curriculum, including math, science, history and language arts. She offers a choice of natural clay or process clay (produced by a clay company) during her workshops.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Pam Beagle-Daresta

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Pam is a visual arts teaching artist & professional development presenter who has developed and taught curriculum-integrated art programs for art centers and schools K- 12. She is affiliated with the Georgia Council for the Arts, South Carolina Arts Commission, Young Audiences of St. Louis and Atlanta, and The High Museum's "I See Literacy" Artist in Education Rosters. Pam's residencies include curriculum integrated printmaking, papermaking, book arts, murals, and collaborative sculpture.

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Bodine Pottery

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Patrick and Nancilee Bodine create designs in pottery and precious metal clay jewelry. They teach classes in their Wiggins studio, schools, churches, museums, and art centers around Mississippi and the south. They teach teachers and students of all ages and abilities, host special workshops featuring other master artists and teach at the Mississippi Crafts Center in Ridgeland for the Craftsmen's Guild of MS.

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Edén Brent

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Edén's boogie-woogie piano style has established her as a Mississippi favorite. Nominated for the "Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year" Award, Edén was named "Acoustic Artist of the Year" by The Blues Foundation in 2009. Brent performs classic blues and jazz as a soloist and band leader at festivals, concerts and clubs around the nation and the world.

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Virgil Brawley

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Virgil Brawley has been playing over 40 years. After releasing 3 CDs with his band, The Juvenators, in the last decade, he recorded a solo album, Bottle Tree, in 2009. Virgil is featured on vocals, slide, dobro and guitar. He can add one guitar or a full band to meet the needs of your festival or event.

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Bridget Archer Performing Arts

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The Bridget Archer Performing Arts Company uses multiple genres of dance, ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, modern, contemporary, music theatre, African, Bhartanatyam, acrobatics, and improvisation to tell classic and contemporary stories using cutting edge choreography. They have performed in Jackson, throughout the state of Mississippi, out of state, and internationally. Most recently the group performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC and has been invited to perform at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Breaking Grass

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An acoustic band from Mississippi who has made a name for themselves by using age-old instruments to create an exciting new sound, Breaking Grass is not quite traditional bluegrass but still steeped in the timeless genre they grew up listening to. This five piece group of multi-talented musicians came together with one goal in mind, to make music that all ages could enjoy. Whatever your taste in music, you're bound to be a fan of Breaking Grass.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Kenny Brown

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With his own Kenny Brown Band, Kenny has applied the powerful singing style to earn him Musician Magazine's praise as "simply the best white slide player you might ever hear." Brown's CD, *Meet Ya In The Bottom*, has enjoyed remarkable sales as reviews revealed, "If Keith Richards were born in Mississippi it would sound like this." Kenny's most recent CD *Can't Stay Long* reviews sum up, "Kenny has become increasingly recognized as an international force in his own right since R.L. Burnside's death in 2005, his abilities have never been a secret to those of us living in North Mississippi."

Mississippi Artist Roster



Pat Brown

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Singer Pat Brown has performed throughout the United States and Europe. A native of Meridian, Brown came into prominence with her mid '90s hit song, "Miss Equal Opportunity." She has performed with blues greats like Willie Clayton, Johnny Taylor, and Bobby Rush. Her most recent CD, *For Your Information Only*, was released on Tapna Records in 2007.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Johnny Burgess

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Burgess, a member of Montage Theatre of Dance Company, has performed at Carnegie Hall, Shanghai Circus in Branson, MI, McCallister College in Minneapolis, was the Scarecrow in the production, *Dance of Oz*, and Moses in *Dance of Egypt*. He has been recognized in NYC at *Blaze the Stage*. Johnny was rewarded as DancePlug.com's SPARK YOUR CAREER WINNER and was acknowledged by America's Best Dance Crew's BeatFreaks.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Conner Burns is a studio artist in Natchez, Mississippi. He works with the vessel form as well as large-scale sculptural installations. Images of his work can be seen in books about teapots, pitchers, bowls, tumblers and glazes. He teaches workshops to professional and amateur clay artists across North America and has received awards from art organizations throughout the state and nation.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Katrina Byrd

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The author of three books and a playwright who has had several of her short plays performed locally, Katrina Byrd is available to speak to schools and other organizations about her experience in motivational and fiction writing and play writing. Her workshop, *Dramatist to Dramatist*, designed from the stand point of one artist sharing with another, is designed to help writers and playwrights enhance their skills.

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June combines an energetic storytelling style, humor, and the magical sounds of the hammered dulcimer, lap dulcimer, and guitar to give listeners a total story experience. Hands-on experiences for the audience are a part of most programs. Children and adults are encouraged to get a close-up look at June's percussion instruments, to ask questions, and try out a tune.

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Sarah C. Campbell

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Sarah C. Campbell is an award-winning writer and photo-illustrator whose specialty is nonfiction for children. Her latest book, *Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature*, was named a 2011 Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12 by the NSTA. Campbell has served as artist in residence at Davis Magnet School and McLeod Elementary School in Jackson, leading book publishing and photography projects with first, second, and third graders.

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CATEGORY 5 Wind Quintet

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CATEGORY 5 is a wind quintet comprised of faculty members at the University of Southern Mississippi. Founded in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, this group of musicians committed themselves to the cultural revitalization of the Gulf South by staging chamber music performances and offering numerous educational and service projects in local schools.

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Grady Champion, "The Mississippi Bluesman," was raised on a small farm outside of Canton, MS and was the youngest of 28 children. He is currently playing approximately 180 shows a year as a blues entertainer. Grady's career hit the fast track when he won the 2010 International Blues Challenge. Grady Champion is continuing in his career to keep the blues alive in Mississippi and worldwide.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Chung-Fan Chang works in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pen and ink, Chinese painting, and calligraphy as well as being two-dimensional and three-dimensional. She is available to develop, coordinate and teach specific to educators' and/or students' needs as well as presenting to established classes. Her programs are created to connect with curriculum in schools but can be adapted for other organizations and communities.

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Dance A Story

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Dance A Story melds dance, drama, and music to bring creative energy to learning. The duo brings to life fine literature, folklore, and original work as a jumping off point to model lessons, workshops, in-service trainings, coaching, and consultations.

Teaching Artist Roster



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Tony Davenport is a visual artist who has experience as an art instructor in both middle and high schools. He has worked with students of all ages, including adults. Davenport's workshops include drawing, oil & acrylic painting, ceramics, 2D & 3D design, batik and mural design. He also integrates various genres of music in his lessons coupled with activities that teach across the school curriculum.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Ken Davies

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Ken has worked lifelong as a composer, performer, conductor and teacher. His award-winning compositions range from song to electronic soundscape and he has become a familiar face at many new music festivals across the USA. He also offers workshops and master-classes in songwriting, musicians' copyright matters, and music technology.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Kimberley Davis

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Soprano Kimberley Davis, an associate professor of voice and voice-related studies at The University of Southern Mississippi, has performed nationally, in Europe, in South America and Mexico, Bermuda and Hawaii, and has performed in concert with many renowned artists. In addition to a repertoire of major orchestral and chamber works, Dr. Davis has several touring programs of specialized music.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Anthony DiFatta

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Anthony DiFatta is native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After serving in the Navy, he returned to Mississippi to study painting and sculpture at USM. His artwork has been seen internationally, and he compiled and designed the book *Images from the Edge*, a collection of artwork and creative writing from the Stubbs Homeless Program. Anthony's paintings have been in many solo and group exhibits across the nation. He now teaches painting, drawing, and art at Madison Central High School.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Eric Deaton

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Eric is a blues guitarist, singer and songwriter, specializing in the North Mississippi hill country style. He apprenticed under blues legends R.L. Burnside and Junior Kimbrough. Constantly touring, Eric plays original music, as well as traditional hill country blues songs and down home standards. Eric's musical repertoire offers many options to presenters, including solo performances, performances with his band, The Eric Deaton Trio, or as part of a full band.

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Sherman Lee Dillon & the Dillonaire

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The Dillonaire are a family band out of Jackson, Mississippi. Dad Sherman Lee, son Andrew John, and daughter Anna Lee provide the voices and musical accompaniment served up with an unforgettable helping of down-home energy. From the pages of an old shape-note hymnal to brand-new tunes in the style of A.P. Carter and Hazel Dickens, the trio will make you laugh, sing, cry and dance.
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As a professional artist, Anne generously shares concepts and ideas designed to motivate and encourage creativity at any level. Her 3-hour seminar is an introduction to painting in watercolor and encourages the recognition of hidden talent. Her 3-day workshop explores color, composition, design, painting for fun, or becoming a professional artist. She touches on everything from her own timid beginning to her experience showing and marketing in many of the top national art venues.
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Singer, arranger and composer, Vergia (often referred to as "The Songbird") is blessed with the gift of song. Her performances have taken her all over the United States and Europe where she toured to standing room only crowds. A former teacher, Vergia delights in entertaining and instructing audiences with the origin, history and interpretation of the much loved hymns of the church. Her latest CD is a collection of hymns and revered gospel selections.
Mississippi Artist Roster



King Edward

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King Edward is one of Mississippi's legendary blues musicians who has played with notables such as McKinley Mitchell, Sam Myers, Lonnie Brooks, and Buddy Guy. He has received a Peavey Award for his contribution to Mississippi music and is on 3 blues markers on the state of Mississippi Blues Trail. King plays a great mix of Blues, R&B and Zydeco. He is a member of the Central Mississippi Blues Society and the International Blues Foundation.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Jerry D. Fair

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Fair is an authentic delta bluesman with over 40 years of experience. He derived his talents from James Fair, B. B. King, his father and cousin respectively. His band has been house-band at the BB King Museum since opening, where he has flourished as an orator, instructor, and live entertainer. He is seasoned and ready for higher musical and personal accomplishments.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Jackie is a Professor of Piano at Mississippi State University, where she has been a faculty member since 1991. She is a soloist or collaborative musician on piano or harpsichord. Dr. Edwards serves as a master class clinician for pianists of all ages and ability levels, to teach demonstration group piano classes, to give workshops, or to perform lecture-recitals.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Kat Fitzpatrick's love for beeswax has led her down an unusual path. After a career spent using more traditional media, painting with colored beeswax eventually led to a study of traditional icon writing, backyard beekeeping and teaching workshops around the country. Fitzpatrick reintroduces adults to their creative and playful younger selves. This method can also refresh mid-career artists looking for a new way to connect with image making.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Bill and Temperance built their distinctive sound on the classic combination of fiddle and guitar. Their vocal duets cover the musical spectrum from Bill Monroe to the Everly Brothers and Old Crow Medicine Show. His radio show on MPB has won a Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. Babcock is a violin instructor and has performed with the Mississippi Symphony, Mac McAnally, and Cassandra Wilson.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Martha Foose

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James Beard Award-winning cookbook author, Martha Foose, is available for a wide range of events and presentations, including multimedia presentation on culinary traditions of the South. She can work in conjunction with existing kitchen staff to prepare chosen recipes for large audiences while demonstrating preparation and can speak on "Southern Women in the Kitchen," a speech recounting experiences as a food stylist for the major motion picture "The Help."

Mississippi Artist Roster



Front Porch Dance

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Front Porch Dance is a Mississippi-based dance company that collaborates to produce innovative choreographic works that foster appreciation of contemporary dance by engaging audiences through dance art. They offer workshops in dance technique, improvisation and composition and are available for performances in theaters, as well as non-traditional performances.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Tom Harmon

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Tom's workshops consist of a study of the history of papermaking, the methods used, and the resources required. Students and teachers experience the hands-on excitement in making their own paper from a variety of items. After the paper is made, then academic projects relating to the curriculum will determine how the paper will be used. Students are always excited to see their teachers participating in the paper-making experience.
Teaching Artist Roster



Chuck Galey

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As a teaching artist and award winning author/illustrator of children's books, Chuck's goal is to inspire students to become life long readers. His unique programs keep students engaged and learning by using proven, research-based learning strategies. Chuck is available to work with students and teachers for full day or three to five day residencies throughout the academic year and summer workshops.
Mississippi Artist Roster
Teaching Artist Roster



Jim & Martha Hession

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After a long career performing in West Coast jazz clubs, Beverly Hills hotels and Disneyland, the Hessions relocated to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2003. Within a few weeks Jim had joined clarinetist Jack Maheu's "Fire in the Pet Shop Jazz Band," played on the Steamboat Natchez and was featured in Jimmy Maxwell's Orchestra for the 2004 Mardi Gras Balls. Jim and Martha bring a level of talent and versatility not often found on the music scene.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Lori Gordon

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Lori is a mixed media artist and writer. She works in many different forms of media including graphite, acrylic, handmade paper, fabric and polymer clay. Recently, one of her pieces was acquired by the Smithsonian Institution for their permanent collection. Lori has work in the collections of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Robin Roberts, and Barack and Michelle Obama.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Homemade Jamz Blues Band

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With their homemade guitars, flashing lights and smoke spitting from tail pipes, they are sure to bring you the hottest show ever. They perform the blues with the confidence of knowing their Mississippi history, redirecting the love, hard times, betrayal and strife into their music.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Impromptu Piano Quartet

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The Impromptu Piano Quartet was formed in 2006 by outstanding musicians in the Hattiesburg area. As the only piano quartet in Mississippi, IPO has presented more than 15 concerts over the years. IPO also performs regularly at university campuses such as The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses) and Jones County Junior College.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Jerry L. Jenkins

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Jerry Jenkins is a performance artist of West African djembe drum ensemble, which involves the use of the traditional instruments, rhythms, and stories of the Malinke people of West Africa. During his career as a djembe player he exposes and entertains children and adults to West African drumming.

Mississippi Artist Roster

Teaching Artist Roster



Jackson Irish Dancers

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Jackson Irish Dancers' mission is to spread knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of traditional Irish dance through instruction, performance, and social gathering. They feature traditional Irish set dancing, céilí dancing, and solo dancing, as well as original choreography. They can arrange for live music to accompany the dancers or play for any event.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Rebecca Moore Jernigan

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Rebecca is a storyteller who uses her experience as an actress and playwright to bring to life classical and original literature. Rebecca designs performances, residencies and workshops. She has traveled around the world, sharing her stories and folklore. She entertains and instructs with new and ageless stories, and emphasizes the importance of the oral tradition in all cultures.

Mississippi Artist Roster

Teaching Artist Roster



Tracie James-Wade

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Tracie is Dance Integration Instructor at Casey Elementary School in Jackson. She offers workshops and master classes to schools and community groups throughout the state, and a wide range of courses and services in musical theater, jazz, and modern ranging from beginning to advanced classes. Ms. James-Wade is available to work throughout the state of Mississippi.

Teaching Artist Roster



Althea Jerome & Kathryn Lewis

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Althea and Kathryn are teaching artists who travel the state of Mississippi to work in Pre-K through 12th grade settings. They tailor arts education experiences and professional development training with discipline-specific workshops in music and theatre; demonstration lessons; arts integration training; and arts focused professional development.

Teaching Artist Roster



Bessie Johnson

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Bessie is a pine needle basket weaver and a charter member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. With simple supplies and respect for her past, she is now offering another exciting art revival. It is called Burnt Matchstick Art. Her work is based on traditional coiling and wrapping techniques common to many cultures, but her forms and designs are hers alone.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Scott Albert Johnson

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Scott Albert Johnson is an award-winning singer, songwriter, and harmonica player. He has performed or recorded with artists Marty Stuart, Dorothy Moore, James Burton, Jerry Jemmott, Johnny Vidacovich and many more. He was recently named one of the "Hot 100 Harmonica Players" by the Harmonica Company. Scott offers performances (duo to full band), clinics, workshops and more.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Doris Jones

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Doris Jones teaches and promotes reading while keeping the audience engaged with her animated, interactive style. She travels throughout the state to present elementary school residencies, using folktales and original stories as springboards to help teachers meet language arts, social studies, visual arts, and theater objectives.

Mississippi Artist Roster

Teaching Artist Roster



Howard Jones

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Howard offers an extensive repertoire of music for any occasion. He plays music from 1900 through the 1970s, with emphasis on jazz, blues, standards, ballads, swing, Latin, Motown and light rock. He can perform as a one-man-jazz-band or add any number of sidemen to form a band to suit any budget.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Mark LaFrancis

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Mark turns poetry into a deeply engaging, personal message from our soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan and their loved ones. LaFrancis is unique among all authors in Mississippi, and possibly the nation, in converting hundreds of hours of interviews and conversations with soldiers and their loved ones into powerful, inspiring and enlightening poetry. Lillie Lovette called LaFrancis' work "a masterpiece." The program includes a book signing, and gifts to all in the audience.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Lisa Lambert & the Pine Ridge Boys

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Lisa Lambert And The Pine Ridge Boys perform a version of string-band "roots" music they call Hillbilly Blues. The band has performed throughout the Southeastern U.S. and has a dedicated fan base. They offer a 1-hour educational program suitable for grades K-12. The program includes a concert, a lesson on the history of roots music and the traditional instruments used, and a hands-on session with some of the instruments.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Lane Chapel Quintet

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The Lane Chapel C.M.E. male quintet was first organized in the fall of 1976 at the Lane Chapel Christian Episcopal Church located in Tupelo, MS. The group's style of music is gospel a' capella. They have performed in churches around the country. Recently the group was in a documentary record for internationally acclaimed classical music vocalist, Helmut Lotti. He invited the group to take part in a 35-stop European Tour.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Shawn Leopard & John Paul

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Among the delights of music is a wonderful series of pieces for two harpsichords. Johann Sebastian Bach and his talented sons composed the centerpieces of this repertoire, which includes works from 17th- and 18th-century France, England, and Italy. Leopard and Paul travel with two harpsichords which sound both rich and clear. This duo has produced four recordings of Classical Baroque, 20th-century, and popular Spanish works.

Mississippi Artist Roster

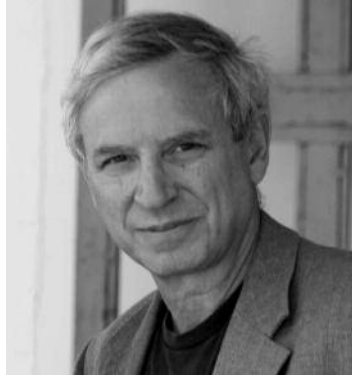


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Visual artist, curator and author, Sálongo Lee, uses traditional and digital photographic techniques and technologies in the creation of his photographs and mixed media constructions. Sálongo is available to teach small and large groups, including students and staff with workshops that are tailored to the needs of the students, staff or the organizational group.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Philip Levin

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Philip provides lectures and seminars on writing. His short stories have been published in several anthologies, including the *Red Dog Writers* in Jackson, the Gulf Coast Writer Association anthologies, and online magazines. As editor of the GCWA's magazine, the *Magnolia Quarterly*, he provides editing tips and publishing contacts for writers.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Legacy

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Legacy has drawn the enthusiastic attention of Celtic (Irish traditional) music fans across the South and Southwest. Their skill is undeniable; their arrangements complex and challenging; and their performances are tight and energetic. To enhance understanding of their music, band members they inform the audience about their instruments, including tin whistle, bodhrán, fiddle, wooden flute, and others.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Sarah Mabary & Victoria Johnson

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Mezzo-soprano Sarah Mabary and pianist Victoria Johnson offer art song recitals, lecture recitals, workshops and master classes. The program promotes outstanding Mississippi musicians while entertaining and educating audiences. Unexpected Songs explores the ironic and funny side of art song. Sarah is a freelance opera, oratorio, concert and recital singer and voice teacher. Vickie is on the piano faculty at Jones County Junior College.

Mississippi Artist Roster



The Magnolia Drive Band

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Magnolia Drive is a group whose time has finally come. They perform hard-driving, contemporary, traditional sound with tasteful instrumentals, smooth blending vocals and all the energy that you can stand. They are available to perform at concert venues, festivals, meetings, churches and schools. Pair that with their over 100 years of combined experience and professionalism, you have a group that will certainly turn heads in the bluegrass music world.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Sheri C. Marshall

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Sherri explores the wonders of clay as an artistic medium, emphasizing visualization, handeye coordination and science, specifically physics, chemistry, earth science and engineering. She is an exhibiting member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, the Oxford Artist Guild and an artist in residence for VSA arts.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Randy Mapes

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Mapes, a saxophonist and woodwind specialist, performs on all five major woodwind instruments. He offers master classes and workshops covering pedagogical techniques, literature, equipment, and performance techniques. His goals are to promote music education and music appreciation, and the history, literature and workings of woodwind instruments.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Derrick Martin

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Derrick Martin is a drummer, percussionist, producer and songwriter, and has been performing internationally for the past 20 years. His workshop focuses on the drum set and its history in American music. Derrick offers a very informative and energetic program. Derrick also uses his workshops to express and draw parallels between success at a professional level and how that success starts in the class room with English, mathematics, attitude, pride and displaying good social skills.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Leslie Lee Marshall

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Leslie has been a professional ballroom competitor, instructor, and choreographer for the last 14 years. She has designed programs that allow children of all ages to relate current styles of self-expression to the fundamentals and origins of ballroom dance. She offers staff development and teacher training workshops.
Teaching Artist Roster



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In his native Mississippi and throughout the South, Mathus is a songwriter of born-in-the-bone Southern music, the torchbearer for Deep South mythology and culture. Mathus sang on the North Mississippi Allstars' 2006 Grammy-nominated Electric Blues Watermelon. His latest band, The Tri-State Coalition, features solid talent cut from the same Delta cloth as Mathus himself. The band was recently signed by Memphis International records and released their first CD, Confederate Buddha, in May 2011.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Lannie Spann McBride

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Lannie is a vocal recording artist, published composer, and teacher with a heart for children. She provides solo lecture recital programs, sing-along assemblies, choir workshop clinics, and supplemental musical experiences for children and adults. Her presentations teach, enrich, practice, and inform.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Nellie McInnis

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Nellie is a professional bass player. She has opened shows and performed with dozens of national acts. Nellie presents a workshop to youth and preschoolers entitled "Catch Them While They're Young." She has workshops for gifted and physically challenged students, has been awarded by the National Committee Arts with the Handicapped, and received numerous national awards, certificates and recognitions.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Annie B. McKee

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McKee is a storyteller, author, public speaker, humorist, and creator of historic literary performances. She is a teacher for creative writing workshops for children and adults, journaling, time management and goal setting sessions, and performance arts classes for children. Her short plays have been staged for several community theaters. Mississippi pride is closely connected throughout her work.

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Teaching Artist Roster*



Lil McKinnon Hicks

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Lil had a 25-year career as a copywriter before finding a new form of communication as a metalsmith and jewelry designer. Lil's small group demonstrations and hands-on workshops encompass beading, wirewrapping, silver-smithing and kiln-firing of enamel. She includes educational discussion on natural science concepts, material resources, jewelry-making pointers and professional bench tips.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Valerie McKnight

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The electrifying vocals of "Val" McKnight began in early childhood, where she was a frequent performer at musical events around Mississippi. She continues to transform her gifts with extraordinary drive and passion. She has been the opening act for blues artists such as Bobby Rush, Denise LaSalle and OB Buchanan. She is available for private parties, festivals and events.

Mississippi Artist Roster



George Miles

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George is a visual artist who specializes in photography, collage, mixed media and graphic design. He offers a wide range of arts and cultural workshops. Miles teaches classes on drawing, painting, collage, photography, computer graphics, and more. He is a native of Starkville and a resident of Jackson. Miles enjoys working with individuals from various walks of life. "I try to inspire and have an impact on communities. My work is like a mirror that reflects light toward social change." Miles is a leading pioneer in bridging the gap between art and community.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Harold Wayne Miller

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Harold is a potter and sculptor. He teaches programs that include the history of pottery and sculpting, the types of clay and glazes, as well as modeling forms, glazing effects, and the firing process. His students find relief from their concerns, create legacies for their families, and enjoy the art of working with clay.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Benjamin Morris

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Morris is the author of numerous works of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. His work has appeared in both the United States and Europe, and has received a literary arts fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission and a residency from A Studio in the Woods in New Orleans. As a teaching artist, he does workshops with groups of all ages, backgrounds, and experience levels. He offers workshops, critiques, and master classes for absolute beginners and more experienced writers alike. Using different creative prompts and exercises, he aims to keep these encounters as informal as they are stimulating.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Mississippi Chamber Circle

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MCC is devoted to the performance of string chamber music and the development of string education. Each year they present several concerts in Hattiesburg and throughout the Southeast, and collaborate with artists from music schools and symphonies, as well as with selected Southern Miss string students. The MCC is interested in reaching out to local communities through educational concerts and performances on university campuses.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Gail Morton

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Gail uses a variety of materials to incorporate art in many different subject areas. She demonstrates art-making techniques for teachers and students. She works in crayon batik, clay vessels, clay portraits, mobile making, science and art, math and art, drawing portraits, sculpture, special needs, art and nutrition, mask-making, and the art of healing.

Teaching Artist Roster



Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

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The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra performs for thousands each year. Presenters may choose the Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, String Quartet, Chamber Orchestra, Pops Orchestra or full Orchestra. Programs can be designed from a large repertoire of classical and contemporary music, and popular Broadway tunes.

Mississippi Artist Roster



M.U.G.A.B.E.E.

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M.U.G.A.B.E.E. stands for "Men Under Guidance Acting Before Early Extinction" and describes Maurice and Carlton Turner. The brothers are spoken word artists, musicians, singers, lyricists, songwriters, producers, engineers, poets, arrangers and performers. They offer creative writing and songwriting workshops and lead audiences in putting their creative writing to music. They also offer community and school performances.

Mississippi Artist Roster



**Dr. Marvin K. Myles
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The Myles Family has graced the stage in many areas of the world. They have performed throughout the South, in Washington, D.C. at the Congressional Gospel Breakfast, during the Smithsonian Folklife Festival where they were guest artists, and at the Notodden Festival in Norway. Their engagements include churches, festivals, concerts, schools, parks, and other sites.

Mississippi Artist Roster



New Stage Theatre

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New Stage Theatre brings literature to life through its educational tours. The theatre tours a children's tale to elementary schools and a classic book or biographical story to middle schools and high schools. Each show is formatted for flexible staging. They can also enhance verbal and non-verbal communication skills, emphasize the collaborative nature of theatre, and provide new avenues to help teachers across the curriculum.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Rev. Ronald Myers

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Minister, physician and jazz musician, Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr. works to keep Mississippi's jazz legacy alive in the Mississippi Delta. He serves as the Artistic Director for the Mississippi Jazz and Heritage Program, working to organize a number of festivals and performance that focus on Mississippi's contributions to jazz.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Anthony Neumann

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Anthony brings a unique blend of enthusiasm and professionalism to dance with both adults and children. He is available as artist and choreographer for local theater, ballet and dance schools in staging musicals, ballet, jazz, tap, and ensemble pieces - offering workshops and master classes and services in musical theater, ballet, tap and jazz.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Nash Street

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An acoustical band with an innovative sound. Hannah and Caroline Melby are at center stage for this act producing the pleasing sounds of sister harmony while accompanying themselves on fiddle and mandolin and keeping a firm grasp on their Mississippi roots. In 2008, they earned the Grand Prize and title of "The Best New Act in Country Music" at the Colgate Country Showdown in Nashville.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Vicki Lever Niolet

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As a mixed media artist, she has worked in areas such as photography (traditional and digital), clay, book arts, and fibers. Her expertise in papermaking led to an instructional video, "Practical Papermaking" in 1990. Since then she has taught and demonstrated for schools, organizations, and individual classes of all ages. She has received two MAC Individual Artist Fellowships (1986 and 2008), The Warhol Foundation Grant (2006) and an Artist Residency at Kala Institute in Berkeley, CA. She currently owns and exhibits at Eclipse Gallery in Old Town Bay St. Louis.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Sherry is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, appearing at the International Storytelling Center, the Singapore Storytelling Festival, Manila Storytelling Festival, and, schools, libraries and universities nationwide. Her stage presence immediately connects to audiences of all ages, and her use of tones, timbres, and rhythms in her telling breathes life into her rich repertoire of folktales from around the world.
Teaching Artist Roster



H.C. Porter

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H.C. Porter is an award-winning artist, whose works incorporate photography, printmaking and painting. For the past 25 years, Porter has traveled and exhibited her work in nearly every major city in the United States and has collectors that span the globe. Porter is currently working on a series that will highlight 29 living blues legends from across Mississippi. Blues @ Home will become a nationally traveling exhibition that will showcase Mississippi's blues heritage.
Mississippi Artist Roster



John Paul

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Traveling with instruments from the studio of Anden Houben, John Paul performs 18th-century keyboard literature on the harpsichord and Lautenwerck. Focusing on the works of Bach, Rameau, Couperin, and Scarlatti, Paul's programming also includes classics by composers ranging from Mozart to Joplin. School residencies in combination with community concerts are his proven specialty.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Brenda Pritchett

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Pritchett, a professional storyteller for 35+ years, uses the art of storytelling to inspire, educate, and entertain her audiences. With a mixture of story and song, Mrs. Pritchett performs at schools, public libraries, festivals, churches & camps, and conferences. Groups actively become a part of the story through drama and mime, music, and more. Schools will find her training workshops for elementary and early childhood teachers very educational and entertaining.
Teaching Artist Roster
Mississippi Artist Roster



Bill Pevey

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Bill Pevey is a blacksmith/metalworker who has been pursuing this passion since fall 2000 when he became a member of the Mississippi Forge Council. In 2006 he was accepted into the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and since that time has conducted classes, workshops and demonstrations at numerous venues throughout the state. Pevey is available for demonstrations for school groups, festivals or events.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Puppet Arts Theatre

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Puppet Arts Theatre is a professional touring theatre company under the direction of Peter Zapletal, a five-time Emmy Award winning puppeteer. The company makes its own puppets and travels with flexible staging, sound and lights. They offer a complete theatre experience in any setting, which at times allows children from the audience to perform with the cast on stage.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Richelle Putnam

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Richelle instructs all ages on the craft of writing. She has been an artist-in-residence at schools and for the Girls Scouts of America, facilitated journaling sessions in prison settings with incarcerated women, worked in libraries, community centers, Head Start Programs, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Her original songs have been played on radio stations nationwide.

Mississippi Artist Roster

Teaching Artist Roster



Michael Richardson

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Michael has developed original shadow puppet performances, using transparent puppets, from fairy tales for children to experimental productions for universities. With more than 2,000 performances worldwide, Michael is a recognized resource in the field of puppet theatre. He offers performances, residency packages, and teacher training sessions.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Terrence Roberts

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Terrence Roberts is a jali/griot, a storyteller who weaves his stories like the web of his favorite character Anansi the Spider. Roberts is a collector of tales worldwide but is most known for his African and African American folktales. He is known as "Da Story Weaver". Roberts is available for schools, libraries, festivals, churches, community groups and special events.

Mississippi Artist Roster

Teaching Artist Roster



Mickey Rogers

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Mickey's first trip out of the country was with Howlin' Wolf and Hubert Sumlin to the UK in 1964, where Mickey met the Rolling Stones. Mickey performed on stage with the Rolling Stones. Mickey is honored with a stone on the Musician Walk of Fame in Greenville, MS. He performs at festivals, clubs, private parties and social events. He performs with his band, The Soul Blues Band.

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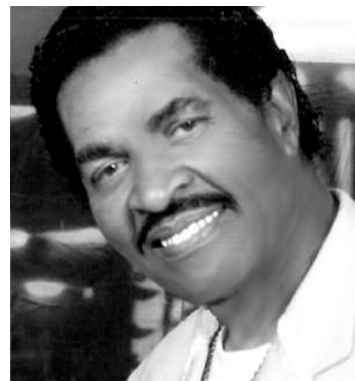


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Rosalind works in multiple mediums, including clay sculpture, paper collage and computer illustration. She offers programs for school groups that are focused on polymer clay sculpting or paper collage art. Her clay workshop can be used to help reinforce curriculum concepts in different subject areas, including science, geography, and history. The paper collage workshop focuses on color and design.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Bobby Rush remains one of the most exciting and creative artists in the R&B/blues arena. Rush's live shows are without parallel, replete with costume changes and comedic sketches acted out with the assistance of his lovely female dancers. Rush adopts various onstage persona, delivering all with a wink that assures the audience that he's in on the joke.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Theresa Sanchez

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Theresa pursues a career as a piano soloist and collaborative musician. She has presented recitals worldwide and has been a soloist with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, the Mississippi Wind Symphony, The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and The Wind Ensemble. She is featured on the SouthArts online registry, Southern Artistry and has performed on radio stations nationwide.
Mississippi Artist Roster



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Alphonso is a performer, educator, and songwriter. He performs regionally and internationally, working in recording studios producing CDs and helping other musicians produce their music. He can provide a blues education package or a performance package. Dr. Sanders is available for parties, clubs and festival as well as community, education and corporate events.
Mississippi Artist Roster



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Dayton is a chainsaw artist. His work is found in private and public collections in every state and several countries. Dayton has won international and national invitational competitions. His appeal is broad - he has been featured on local, national and international television and in newspapers and magazines across the country.
Mississippi Artist Roster



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Rosângela is a pianist who combines her concert and teaching schedule and is noted for her lecture-recitals. She has performed and given lectures and master classes throughout the hemisphere. Dr. Sebba serves as soloist and collaborative pianist, and gives master classes, lectures and lectures/recitals to all types of audiences.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Patricia Seymour

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Patricia began her career in New York City where she received a ballet scholarship. She is a licensed psychotherapist with clients of all ages. Her areas of expertise include creative arts therapy, crisis intervention, mental health, addiction, and traditional psychotherapy. Her programs involve creative movement and dance experiences to help children learn adaptive self expression.
Teaching Artist Roster



"Big" Joe Shelton

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Big Joe is a blues singer, songwriter, harmonica and guitar player from Columbus. He is a 2012 Blues Music Award Nominee. He has toured the world, and is a performer/lecturer. He performs solo or with a full band at festivals and events.
Mississippi Artist Roster



Robert & Debra Shinn

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Silversmiths and artists, Robert and Debra train students of all ages to manipulate metal into wearable works of art. They offer demonstrations and workshops; individual classes are also available. They are also members of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Alan Sibley is a talented singer and bluegrass musician. He plays mandolin, guitar, banjo, fiddle and bass. His band, Alan Sibley and the Magnolia Ramblers, perform bluegrass and bluegrass gospel at festivals, concerts, churches, schools and many other places..

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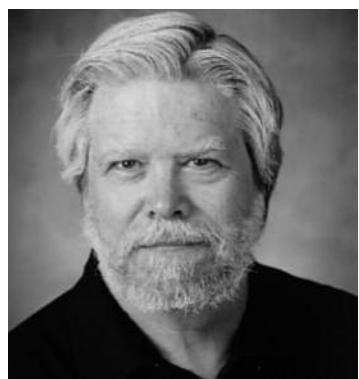


Tammy Stanford Williams

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Tammy is a dance and movement specialist for theatre, voice, and visual arts at the Mississippi School for the Arts in Brookhaven. She has designed, taught, and implemented programs for public schools in Hazlehurst, Lamar County, Hattiesburg, Petal, Laurel City Schools, the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University.

Teaching Artist Roster



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Street has over fifty film and television credits. He returned to Mississippi to spearhead the restoration of the Grand Opera House in Meridian; at that time he joined the theatre faculty at Meridian Community College where he directed seven productions. Six years ago he founded the Company of Angels Theatre in Meridian. Elliott has won numerous awards and offers unique programs and workshops in a broad range of stage and screen disciplines.

Mississippi Artist Roster



R. Adrian Sturdivant

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Adrian is accomplished at turning open and closed faced bowls and hollow form art. His focus is to display the natural beauty of highly figured hardwood. His preference is burl, stumpwood and crotchwood. His work is visually pleasing and created to be handled and displayed. He is involved with the Magnolia Woodturners and serves on the board of directors of the American Association of Woodturners.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Thomas, a visual artist, brings over 25 years of experience as a teaching artist directly into your classroom to meet the artistic and curricular needs of students and teachers. In addition, Thomas offers workshops for teachers in both arts integration and art skills. Thomas teaches both students and teachers how to use inexpensive recyclables to create innovative works of art.

Teaching Artist Roster



Emily Tschiffely

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Emily Tschiffely is a professional dancer and choreographer who has made teaching a central focus of her work. She combines conservatory dance and drama training with modern DIY creativity, 21st century technology, and sensible health and wellness approaches. She is available for original solo performance as well as workshops, choreographic commissions and teaching residencies.

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Tricia Walker

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Tricia is a singer and songwriter whose songs are steeped in the passion, pain and grace of the American South. Born and raised in Mississippi, Walker has become one of the clearest voices of her own time and place. A recording artist herself, Tricia's songs thoughtfully capture the songwriter's view of the South with well-placed lyrics and music reflecting her folk, R&B and storytelling influences.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Pat Walker

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Pat is a representational painter of portraits, still-lives & landscapes. Her masterful manipulation of light and dark, evocative of Rembrandt's use of chiaroscuro, is the defining component of her style. Her representation of faces cannot be forgotten. They linger, teasing from the viewer's mind the story that explains, or searching for a name that has the power to keep safe what the viewer experienced.

Mississippi Artist Roster



The Larry Wallace Band

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The Larry Wallace Band of Starkville has been busy traveling and performing for fans of traditional bluegrass music in Mississippi and all across the country. The group plays bluegrass music in the traditional style, with a rock-solid presentation of heart-felt singing and tasteful instrumentation, along with a very high-energy stage show.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Robin Whitfield

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Robin is a painter, teacher, and naturalist. She offers a variety of workshops, classroom projects, and master classes, including "The Art of Seeing", "Earth Stories", "The Art of Ecology" and "Learning About Nature Through Art".

Mississippi Artist Roster



Terry "Big T" Williams

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Terry "Big T" Williams has been playing the blues for over two decades. His recorded legacy includes sessions with blues legends Big Jack Johnson and Lonnie Pitchford as well as albums under his own name, including Meet Me in the Cotton Field (2007), which was featured on XM Satellite Radio's Bluesville. When not playing, Big T spends his time teaching students in the art of Delta blues guitar.

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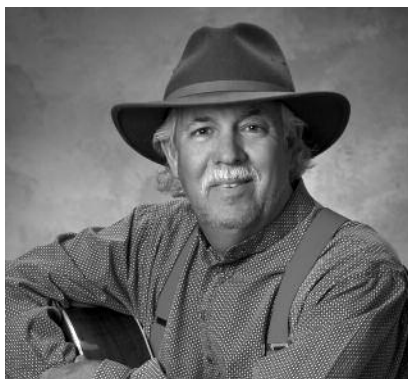


Bill Wilson

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Bill is a portrait painter, but his experience is broad and extensive – from portraits and gallery work, to illustration and movie storyboarding. In a smooth easy going style, a whole new world opens up to his students. The one comment he hears consistently from his students is “that is the first time I really understood how to make the paint do what I want it to do.”

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Vaughn Wilson has performed with Lincoln County and Southern Station. Now, he is appearing as “Unkle Hokum,” his folk persona. Unkle Hokum is a wanderer spreading the joy of traditional folk music to children from K-4. He dresses in period clothing of the 1800’s - his performances introduce children to songs that have been a part of the American tapestry for generations.

Mississippi Artist Roster



John Wooton

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Dr. John Wooton is the Director of Percussion Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi where he teaches applied percussion, directs the graduate percussion program and directs SoMiSPO (Southern Miss Steel Pan Orchestra) and the Percussion Ensemble as well as writing for and assisting with the Southern Miss Drum Line. For more information on Dr. John Wooton, visit his web site at www.johnwooton.com.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Lyle Wynn has been a practicing blacksmith for 15 years, but the art of metal working is in his blood. He is a third generation blacksmith. A member of the Mississippi Craftsmen's Guild, Lyle is available for classes, demonstrations and workshops with school groups, church groups and other community organizations. Fees are negotiable.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Y'all's Blues Band

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A Mississippi based band specializing in acoustic hill country blues music, the band's goal is to maintain the integrity of the music they perform. The band shares knowledge of the cultural and historical context of the music. Rare songs by Charley Patton, Memphis Minnie, the Mississippi Sheiks and others are a few of the band's influences. They include old spirituals, rag style and jug band music.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Louis Arzo “Gearshifter” Youngblood

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“Gearshifter” learned to play the guitar from his great aunt and his grandfather. Louis is fluent in modern blues and is unique in the blues field by playing contemporary soul/blues hits on acoustic guitar. He has been playing in bands as both a vocalist and guitarist since his teens and several years ago he began performing as a solo acoustic act.

Mississippi Artist Roster

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Peter enhances students' speaking abilities, thinking skills and appreciation of literature & music through creative puppetry. He demonstrates different kinds of puppets to make by the teachers or students. He is Artistic Director for Puppet Arts Theatre, recipient of three Artist Fellowship Awards from MAC, Jim Henson Foundation grant for his production of *The Golem*, and recipient of five Emmy Awards for his TV work.
Teaching Artist Roster

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Jo has been a professional artist for over 30 years and an art educator for 20 years. Jo has taught classes on drawing, painting, sculpting, mask making, collage, murals, calligraphy, printmaking, textile and faux finishes. She also teaches classes on art history, portfolio preparation, how to make a living as an artist and legal matters for artists.

Teaching Artist Roster

**Rhonda Richmond**

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Rhonda is a composer and performance artist who writes, arranges and teaches students the craft of song writing. She also offers a lecture performance for children and youths, and performs original works and arranged standards in communities and cultural venues such as museums, secondary and post secondary educational institutions and art and cultural festivals.

Mississippi Artist Roster

RESOURCES

The *Mississippi Visual Arts Directory* is a regularly updated visual arts resource for the state of Mississippi. Included on this website are visual artists, craftspeople, galleries, museums, cultural centers and arts education facilities. The Mississippi Arts Commission created the site and provides a free listing as a courtesy to Mississippi-based artists and arts organizations. Visit the site at www.visualarts.ms.gov.

As we move into the 21st century, the power to imagine and create new ideas is becoming a major economic driver. The Mississippi Arts Commission and the Mississippi Development Authority came together in an innovative partnership to show the value of Mississippi's cultural heritage and what it means to the state's economy. To find out details about the *Creative Economy* in Mississippi, visit <http://mscreativeeconomy.com>.

Mississippi is home to a wide range of traditional art forms and distinct community events. The music, crafts, and other traditions help the state's residents to pass on their beliefs to younger generations and reinforce their community's shared identity. The *Mississippi Folklife Directory* website is part of the Mississippi Arts Commission's ongoing effort to increase awareness of the state's traditional arts and culture.

To find out more, visit www.arts.state.ms.us/folklife.

The Mississippi Arts Commission's *Whole Schools Initiative*, the state's first comprehensive arts education program, stresses that every child deserves to be taught in and through the arts, thus nurturing the imagination and creatively impacting life-long learning. The program uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students in all

disciplines. To find out more about this innovative program, visit www.mswholeschools.org.

Being *ArtsReady* means preparedness, readiness and business continuity for you and your organization in the event of an emergency. It means backing up critical documents, communication and evacuation plans, and protecting your organization's assets. The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to partner with SouthArts to encourage our arts community to engage in disaster planning by using the available resources on www.artsready.org.

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